

Jayne, after further review of Oregon's January 20, 1998 NOAA/EPA Conditional Approval document, I have provided to Gene, what I think is the important information to help answer his question: *Were you able to find out if EPA/NOAA went out for public comment for their decisions for the states listed below?* The states Gene is referring to I think are the 22 states that have received Final Approval, but his question could also apply to the 11 states, including Oregon, that have received Conditional Approval.

Gene ask me, via e-mail last week, (see below) the following question: *Are the state's that have not yet received full approval pursuing approval or are they staying with "interim" approval?*

I am looking forward to our telephone conference call tomorrow at 10 AM PST.

From: YON Donald R
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 4:34 PM
To: FOSTER Eugene P
Cc: YON Donald R
Subject: RE: Clarification Letter on Items to be Included in NOAA/EPA's Final Decision and Public Comment Period Regarding Oregon's CNPCP

Gene, I just talked with Jayne, who said that all states that have received Final Approval and those, like Oregon, who received Conditional Approval have the same or similar language as was in our January 20, 1998 NOAA/EPA Conditional Approval document. I have excerpted the key language from NOAA and EPA's cover letter and attached Findings for the Oregon Coastal Nonpoint Program:

I also copied (see below) the OREGON COASTAL NONPOINT PROGRAM RECORD OF DECISION which was attached to the January 20, 1998 NOAA/EPA Conditional Approval document. I will ask Allison Castellan tomorrow, if the *Administrative Record* for our Conditional Approval Decision is the attached program *Record of Decision*. I will also ask for a copy of any CFR notice for our 1998 conditional approval.

This letter transmits the Findings for the Oregon Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program, submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 (CZARA). NOAA and EPA are very pleased to inform you that we approve the State's program in accordance with Section 6217(c)(1) of CZARA, subject to the enclosed conditions. The enclosed Findings become effective as of the date of this letter.

JAN 20 1998

FINDINGS FOR THE OREGON COASTAL NONPOINT PROGRAM

FOREWORD

The references in this document refer to the Pollution Prevention and Control Program for Oregon's Coastal Waters, Final Program Submittal July 1995 ("program submittal"). NOAA and EPA have written this document as succinctly as possible. We have relied upon, but do not repeat here, the extensive information that the State included in the program submittal. Further information and analysis is contained in the administrative record for this approval decision and may be reviewed by interested parties at the following locations:

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NOAA/Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management Coastal Programs Division SSMC-4, N/ORM3 1305 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910

Contact: Patty Dornbusch (301/713-3121, ext. 182)

U.S. EPA Region X/Office of Ecosystems and Communities Geographical Implementation Unit 1200 6th Avenue Seattle, WA 98101

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OREGON COASTAL NONPOINT PROGRAM RECORD OF DECISION

INTRODUCTION

The requirements of 40 C.F.R. section 1505.2 [Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations to implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)] require an agency to prepare a concise public

record of decision at the time of its decision on the action proposed in an environmental impact statement. The record of decision shall: (1) state what the decision was; (2) identify all alternatives considered, specifying the alternative considered to be environmentally preferable; and (3) state whether all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the alternative selected have been adopted. The record of decision may be integrated into any other record prepared by the agency.

In March 1996, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) published a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) that assessed the environmental impacts associated with the approval of state and territory Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs (coastal nonpoint programs) developed under Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 (CZARA). The PEIS forms the basis for the environmental assessments NOAA is preparing for each state and territorial coastal nonpoint program submitted to NOAA and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval. In the PEIS, NOAA determined that the approval and conditional approval of coastal nonpoint programs will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that these actions will have an overall beneficial effect on the environment. Because the PEIS served only as a "framework for decision" on individual state coastal nonpoint programs, and no actual decision was made following its publication, NOAA is preparing a record of decision on the approval or conditional approval of each individual state program submitted for review.

Based on the analysis in the EA prepared on the Oregon coastal nonpoint program, NOAA concluded that conditional approval of the program will not result in any significant environmental impacts different from those analyzed in the PEIS. Therefore, the preparation of an EIS on the conditional approval of the Oregon program is not required by section 102 (2) (c) of NEPA or its implementing regulations.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION

1. *NOAA and EPA find that the Oregon coastal nonpoint program meets many of the requirements of Section 6217 of the CZARA and will be approved with conditions. To receive final approval of its program, Oregon will need to meet the conditions, which include developing a monitoring plan, completing programmatic issues such as administrative coordination and completing development, of certain aspects of its program addressing agricultural, urban, marinas, and hydromodification sources, as well as the protection of wetlands and riparian areas; and developing additional management measures to be applied to forestry activities.*

2. *In making the decision on the Oregon program, NOAA and EPA considered three alternatives: approve the program, conditionally approve the program, and deny approval of the program.*

The alternative of approving the Oregon program would have a beneficial effect on the environment because it would help to control sources of nonpoint pollution and would also make existing programs more effective by strengthening the link between Federal and Oregon state coastal management and water quality programs. However, in their review of the Oregon program, NOAA and EPA found that the program does not meet all of the requirements of section 6217. Therefore full approval was not a feasible alternative.

The decision to conditionally approve the Oregon program was determined to be the environmentally preferred alternative. Because the conditions are designed to strengthen the program, conditional approval is expected to have even greater beneficial results than those discussed under the full approval alternative, and will avoid the adverse impacts associated with denial of approval, provided that Oregon

satisfies the conditions. The immediate implementation of the completed portions of the program will begin to fulfill the intent of Section 6217 by helping to control sources of nonpoint pollution thus resulting in a reduction of pollution reaching coastal waters.

The decision to deny approval of the Oregon program would have the same effect as the "no action" alternative under NEPA. Denial of approval would necessitate reliance on existing nonpoint control efforts and levying penalties on both the state's coastal zone management program and the state's nonpoint pollution program under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The denial of approval and the imposition of financial penalties could have an adverse environmental effect because it may cause Oregon-not to implement management measures that are meant to control coastal nonpoint pollution. NOAA and EPA found that the Oregon program meets many of the requirements of section 6217 and that denying approval of the program is not the preferred alternative.

3. NOAA and EPA believe that all practicable means have been adopted to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the decision to conditionally approve the Oregon coastal nonpoint program. The coastal nonpoint program is designed to protect and restore coastal waters from the adverse impact of land-based activities. Upon fulfillment of the conditions identified in the Environmental Assessment and the Findings Document, the Oregon program will contain management measures in conformity with the EPA-developed guidance and enforceable policies and mechanisms to ensure implementation of the management measures. Oregon also must develop a monitoring plan within one year of conditional approval to assess over time the success of the management measures in reducing pollution loads and improving water quality. These actions will minimize the adverse environmental impact of land-based activities on coastal waters.

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Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 3:48 PM

To: YON Donald R

Subject: RE: Clarification Letter on Items to be Included in NOAA/EPA's Final Decision and Public Comment Period Regarding Oregon's CNPCP

Hi Don

Were you able to find out if EPA/NOAA went out for public comment for their decisions for the states listed below?

thanks

Gene

From: FOSTER Eugene P
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 5:01 PM
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Subject: RE: Clarification Letter on Items to be Included in NOAA/EPA's Final Decision and Public Comment Period Regarding Oregon's CNPCP

thansk Don

did EPA/NOAA go out for public comment for their decision?

From: YON Donald R
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Subject: RE: Clarification Letter on Items to be Included in NOAA/EPA's Final Decision and Public Comment Period Regarding Oregon's CNPCP

Gene, The following 22 of the 33 states within the NOAA 6217 Coastal NPS Program have been approved:

1. American Samoa
2. California
3. Connecticut
4. Delaware
5. Florida
6. Guam
7. Maine
8. Maryland
9. Massachusetts
10. Minnesota
11. New Hampshire

12. New Jersey
13. New York
14. North Carolina
15. Northern Mariana Islands
16. Pennsylvania
17. Puerto Rico
18. Rhode Island
19. South Carolina
20. Virgin Islands
21. Virginia
22. Wisconsin

The following 11 states have not received full approval:

1. Alabama
2. Georgia
3. Hawaii
4. Indiana
5. Louisiana
6. Michigan
7. Mississippi
8. Ohio
9. Oregon
10. Texas
11. Washington

I attached the most recent state (NJ) program NOAA and EPA approval document. It mentions nothing about consultation with ESA. It also follows the format of all of Oregon's previous management measures approved by NOAA and EPA. Note the following reference to NJ 1997 conditional approval letter:

"The Federal Agencies' findings for New Jersey's coastal nonpoint program were issued on November 18, 1997. Since that time, New Jersey has undertaken a number of actions to address conditions of approval on its coastal nonpoint program. Based on those actions and on materials the State has provided to document how the conditions have been met, NOAA and EPA find that New Jersey has satisfied all conditions of approval."

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(http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/nonpoint/pro_approve.html):

Coastal Nonpoint Program Approval Findings

NOAA and EPA review and approve state Coastal Nonpoint Programs. All states' Coastal Nonpoint Programs were initially approved with specific conditions (Conditional Approval Findings): most states in 1997-1998 but several states were later entrants to the coastal zone management program so their conditional approval was more recent. The conditions called for states to enhance their management programs and/or develop new implementation mechanisms.

States receive full approval for their Coastal Nonpoint Programs once they have satisfied all their conditions. When NOAA and EPA make the decision to fully approve a state coastal nonpoint program, they develop a Full Approval Decision Memo and publish a notice of intent in the Federal Register. A 30-day public comment period is provided before Full Approval is granted.

Note: If a state/territory does not have an active link to its Full Approval Decision Document, it is because full approval has not yet occurred.

Alabama	American Samoa	California
Connecticut	Delaware	Florida
Georgia	Guam	Hawaii
Indiana	Louisiana	Maine
Maryland	Massachusetts	Michigan
Minnesota	Mississippi	New Hampshire
New Jersey	New York	North Carolina
Northern Mariana Islands	Ohio	Oregon
Pennsylvania	Puerto Rico	Rhode Island
South Carolina	Texas	Virgin Islands
Virginia	Washington	Wisconsin

Alabama

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (6/30/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (Pending)

American Samoa

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (10/3/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (7/24/2003)

California

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (6/30/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (7/17/2000)

Connecticut

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (6/3/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (11/28/2003)

Delaware

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (10/3/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (2/12/2002)

Florida

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (11/18/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (3/27/2008)

Georgia

- [Conditional Approval Finding](#) (6/4/2002)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (Pending)

Guam

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (10/3/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (9/26/2007)

Hawaii

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (6/30/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (Pending)

Indiana

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (1/15/2008)

- [Full Approval Decision Document \(Pending\)](#)

Louisiana

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(6/30/1998\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(Pending\)](#)

Maine

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(2/23/1998\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(7/8/2003\)](#)

Maryland

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(10/3/1997\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(12/13/1999\)](#)

Massachusetts

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(9/24/1997\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(10/3/2001\)](#)

Michigan

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(9/24/1997\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(Pending\)](#)

Minnesota

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(3/11/2003\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(7/27/2006\)](#)

Mississippi

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(11/18/1997\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(Pending\)](#)

New Hampshire

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(11/18/1997\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(10/4/2001\)](#)

New Jersey

- [Conditional Approval Findings \(11/18/1997\)](#)
- [Full Approval Decision Document \(1/28/2010\)](#)
- [NOAA/EPA Response to Public Comments \(12/11/2009\)](#)

New York

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (11/18/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (12/5/2006)

North Carolina

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (2/23/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (5/5/2003)

Northern Mariana Islands

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (10/3/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (8/20/2003)

Ohio

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (6/4/2002)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (Pending)

Oregon

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (1/13/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (Pending)

Pennsylvania

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (10/3/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (5/16/2001)

Puerto Rico

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (11/18/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (10/19/2000)

Rhode Island

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (9/24/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (4/20/2000)

South Carolina

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (2/23/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (3/27/2008)

Texas

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (3/31/2003)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (Pending)

Virgin Islands

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (11/18/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (2/12/2002)

Virginia

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (2/23/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (5/16/2001)

Washington

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (6/30/1998)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (Pending)

Wisconsin

- [Conditional Approval Findings](#) (9/24/1997)
- [Full Approval Decision Document](#) (1/30/2003)

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Subject: FW: Clarification Letter on Items to be Included in NOAA/EPA's Final Decision and Public Comment Period Regarding Oregon's CNPCP

The latest from EPA, seems like they were telling us the whole time the need for public comment, but I was focused on the 3 management measures that had received “conditional” approval.

I think it might be worthwhile to ask EPA and NOAA;

1. Will the Oregon CNPCP need to go through ESA consultation prior to approval? They say it may be subject to ESA consultation, but don’t say if it is or not, when would we find out?

2. What other states have received full approval of their CNPCP?
3. Are the state's that have not yet received full approval pursuing approval or are they staying with "interim" approval?

Don - can you talk with Jayne and get answers to these questions?

thanks

Gene

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Subject: FYI: Clarification Letter on Items to be Included in NOAA/EPA's Final Decision and Public Comment Period Regarding Oregon's CNPCP

Hi All:

During the July 2 CZARA 2617 SA Commitments: Forestry & New Development conference call EPA/NOAA agreed to develop and send a letter to OR clarifying what parts of Oregon's CNPCP are subject to public notice and EPA/NOAA approval within the next month. See attached. (*See attached file: OR CZARA Measures for Public Comment Clarification 070312.pdf*)

Regards,

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